TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM SB 66 - HB 516

April 13, 2009

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (006083): Deletes all language after the enacting clause. Creates a new offense for a person to receive or attempt to receive housing in a housing project by giving false information or concealing material information if doing so results in the person qualifying for housing or a lower lease rate. Broadens the definition of "services" to include any other activity or product considered in the ordinary course of business to be a service, regardless of whether it is specifically listed in statute. Violation is a Class A misdemeanor punishable by fine only. The amount of the fine imposed shall be graded as theft according to the value of the benefit the defendant derived from the offense.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Increase State Expenditures - \$35,500/Incarceration*

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Increase State Revenue – Not Significant Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant

Increase Local Revenue – Not Significant Increase Local Expenditures – Not Significant

Assumption applied to amendment:

 A small increase in cases in the court system, which will result in additional state and local government expenditures for processing the cases and additional state and local government revenue from fees, taxes and costs collected. These expenditures and revenue are estimated to be not significant.

^{*}Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 9-4-210, requires that: For any law enacted after July 1, 1986, which results in a net increase in periods of imprisonment in state facilities, there shall be appropriated from recurring revenues the estimated operating cost of such law. The amount appropriated from recurring revenues shall be based upon the highest cost of the next 10 years.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

James W. White, Executive Director

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